

The Sirens and The Muses

an extra jazzy presentation by tuesday lewman

The Sirens, Part 1



The Sirens, Part 2

- Also known as mermaids, however used to be bird from the waist down and woman from the waist up; it's said that Hera persuaded the Sirens to sing in a competition against the Muses, and they lost
- The Muses plucked the feathers off the Sirens and wore their feathers as a trophy. Sirens couldn't fly anymore so they turned their lower half into fish tail to enable swimming
- Sirens lived on Anthemoessa, an island between Italy and Sicily
- Lured sea travellers to their deaths by singing enchanting songs; these songs sometimes made travellers forget their sense of direction and crash into the rocks surrounding Anthemoessa
- Their personalities gained Sirens the reputation of seductive temptresses, who reflected the beauty and mystery of the sea; this reputation also made them bad omens
- The sound of Sirens singing was thought to distract sailors and bring them bad fortune

The Muses, Part 1



The Muses, Part 2

- The 9 Muses were the daughters of Zeus and Mnemosyne
- Muses were the goddesses of music, dance, and song
- Euterpe (Lyric Poetry), Urania (Astronomy), Clio (History), Melpomene (Tragedy), Thalia (Comedy), Terpsichore (Dance), Polyhymnia (Songs to the Gods), Calliope (Epic Poetry), Erato (Love Poetry),
- The Muses are most known for their song, which is said to bring joy to all who hear it

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